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SUBJECT: Notification that Best Express Foods, Inc., Distributed
Unauthorized Child Nutrition (CN) Labeled Products

TO: Regional Directors
Child Nutrition Programs
All Regions

State Directors
Child Nutrition Programs
All States

Please be advised that Best Express Foods, Inc., has distributed closed-face sandwich-type products with unauthorized CN Labels.

The Best Express Foods, Inc., facility located in Williamston, Michigan (USDA Establishment (EST) Number 20735 / P20735), does not currently operate under an Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)-approved Quality Control (QC) Program required by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) for participating in the voluntary CN Labeling Program.

State agencies should notify all school food authorities and program operators that any products received from Best Express Foods, Inc., with a CN identification number of less than 078000, do not carry the FNS warranty associated with authorized CN Labels. If Best Express Foods, Inc., becomes compliant with FNS-QC Program requirements, the company's name and the USDA EST number 20735, and/or P20735, will appear in the list of *USDA/USDC-authorized CN Label Manufacturers* found at the CN Labeling Program public website: www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/cnlabeling/authorized.htm.

Please direct program operators to contact the State agency with any questions or concerns; State agencies should in turn contact the FNS regional office for assistance.

Sincerely,

Original Signed

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